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Accident Victims Are Recovering

Three of the four persons who were injured in the car-truck accident last Wednesday night have returned to their home while the fourth Mrs. J. Wiens is still a patient in the hospital. Her injuries were serious.

Henry Wiens and his two sisters Helen and Hilda were released the morning after the accident occurred. In the accident the car driven by Henry Wiens crossed the road in front of the truck loaded with brick. The truck hit the car almost head on and both vehicles were locked together after the smashup. In a statement released this week the truck driver was absolved of all blame.

An error was made in the write-up last week when we stated that the vehicles were travelling in the same direction. This should have read, they were travelling in opposite directions with the truck going west.

The truck has now been taken to Calgary for repairs.

PLAN FLYING WING FREIGHT SERVICE

Colonial airlines announced plans Monday for a post-war flying wing type of freight plane capable of carrying a 40 ton payload of refrigerated food at the low cost of eight cents a ton mile. The Canadian Car and Foundry Co. Ltd. from plans developed by V. J. Burnell, New York inventor.

Alaska Highway 1,523 Miles Long

Official distance of the Alaska Highway from Dawson Creek, B.C. to southern terminus at Fairbanks is 1,523 miles. Col. K. B. Bush chief of staff of the northern service command said Monday. The total distance more than 100 miles off the old figure of 1,630 miles.

The reduction in distance was accomplished, Col. Bush said through the construction of necessary cut-offs, fills and tangents and the elimination of dangerous curves during the summer and fall of this year.

Of the 1,523 mile total, 620 miles are in British Columbia, 360 miles in the Yukon and 543 in Alaska.

BEN PLUMER TO HEAD POOL

Alberta Wheel Pool chairman have named Ben Plumer director of the board for 1944 with E. H. Keith of Sexsmith as vice-chairman. A director of the Pool since it was started in 1933 Mr. Plumer is a practical farmer operating two farms one in Bassano and another at Brooks. He was born in Illinois in 1895 and came to Alberta in 1911 and has farmed here ever since.

Ration Coupon Calendar

DECEMBER 23
VALID
Butter coupons 42 to 45
Meat coupons 27 to 28 29
DECEMBER 21
VALID
Meat coupons, pair 23
EXPIRE
Butter coupons 29 to 41
Meat coupons 27 to 28 29
Sugar and Tea coupons 1 to 13
All canning sugar coupons

Ration Book 3 expires on Dec. 31, when sugar, tea or coffee coupons that are still negotiable become invalid. All canning sugar coupons also expire December 31.

LATHOM NEWS

By Our Own Correspondent

Merry Christmas to one and all.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Walsh were visiting at the Lore home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith were at the Marshmore home on Saturday evening.

John and Ethel Davis are on the McKinnon farm for the winter.

Several Lathom people attended the High School dance last Friday night.

Everyone wishes the members of the Wiens family, who were in the auto accident a speedy recovery and hope they will be none the worse for the tragedy.

Brooks visitors this week included Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stelbach and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lovgren on Friday and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Loe and Nan Parker. Mr. and Mrs. F. Cowan, George Salmon, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gillingham on Saturday.

LOCAL MAN PREPARES MENU AT WETASKIWIN

Attention! All mothers and wives of soldiers. Don't worry about your night job making the delicious Yuletide treats if they can't get home on Christmas Eve. They'll be eating you, at New Year's and in the meantime the army training centres are seeing to it that they get a real Christmas dinner in traditional style.

This is certainly the case at No. 133 Canadian Army (Infantry) Training Centre at Wetaskiwin under command of Lt. Col. E. H. Strickland. This centre is planning a real Christmas dinner for the recruits, and the same holiday season fare will be served again on New Year's day for the benefit of those men who will be in camp on that day.

Extra treats to be served Christmas and New Year's day are being provided, in a large part, through canner friends. Let to get down to business, here is the Wetaskiwin camp's menu.

Celery and olives (just to start with), cream of tomato soup and biscuits, roast young Alberta turkeys and mutton dressing (the "pigeon-de-potage"), baked Virginia ham, green potatoes (yams) baked southern style, creamed potato, buttered carrots and peas, plum pudding with flaming sauce, ice cream and chocolate sauce.

This menu has been prepared with the co-operation of Lt. F. Douglas administration officer at No. 133, and Sgt. Fred Johnson, sergeant cook who is responsible for seeing that their "boys" are well fed.

A special treat at both dinners will be the song sung by officers and sergeants. Officers will sing while sergeants will sing the dinner Christmas song and sergeants will perform the same duty New Year's day. So the soldier will be "king for a day".

There will be cafeteria serving for the main course only, in order to ensure a hot meal and also to provide a special choice.

Mothers and wives will have to look to help, largely with their soldier sons and husbands come home on holiday leave. The above menu is just a good beginning.

"Bravery never goes out of fashion."

TO ALL READERS AND FRIENDS

Christmas Greetings

To You and Yours

MAY THE PEAL OF CHRISTMAS BELLS ECHO THE JOY THAT RINGS IN YOUR HEART.

And May The New Year Bring You Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

The Bassano Recorder

POST OFFICE BASSANO SERVICE CLUB HOURS CHANGE REVIEWS YEARS WORK

Commencing on Monday December 27th the Post Office Department has authorized that the hours at the Bassano Post Office be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wickets will be opened as usual and mail will be closed and received at the same hours as now.

This is a wartime measure to conserve light and heat.

PAPER STICKERS FOR CARS IN 1944

Alberta motorists will be issued paper windshield stickers instead of metal plates for the license year that opens April 1st next according to information received by the Alberta Motor Association from the Alberta government.

Two stickers will be issued, one for the windshield and the other for the rear window. These will be approximately 5 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches in size.

Use of the stickers has become necessary through the difficulty of obtaining metal for number plates. As a result the province has ordered 100,000 sets of stickers which are to be manufactured by a firm in eastern Canada and will be delivered in January. Preparations will then be made for the stickers to be issued with the gasoline ration books in March prior to the opening of the new license plates.

Several Canadian provinces already have adopted the paper license sticker system for next year. The system also was in use in some of the States in 1943 and again this year.

PROCLAMATION

TOWN OF BASSANO
In accordance with a resolution of the Town Council Monday December 27th, 1943, the following is hereby declared to be Public Holidays in the Town of Bassano, and all road closures will therefore observe, same, and all places of business will remain closed on that day.
By Order of the Council

Organized only seven months ago at the home of Mrs. E. Maguire, the members of this club are now more than delighted at the results of their efforts on behalf of the boys over-seeing Mrs. Morrison is the President with Mrs. Maclellan Secretary and Mrs. Maguire clerk.

During this period the members have made many efforts to raise funds to provide comfort for the boys. A supper on Dominion Day was the first followed by a raffie another supper on Rodeo Day and again another raffie for a doll and a \$4.00 bill. These efforts were very meaningful and met with support from both business people and friends.

The financial results of these efforts provided the fund with which to send four shipments to the boys. The shipments contain the usual necessities together with stationery and cigarettes.

Donations to the fund have been received from the Firemen, Girl Guides, the Local Battery and the Students Union. These were all greatly appreciated.

The members wish to thank everyone who in the past year has helped in any way to make a success of their efforts in raising funds, and they ask for your continued support in the coming year.

Four shipments to each and every one of the members of the club for seven months. Plans were arranged at the last meeting for a fifth shipment to go in January and another shipment before Easter and the funds are still in a healthy condition.

Letters of appreciation have been received from Pte. Dan Morrison, Pte. Don Walker, Pte. A. Bringer, Pte. Lancelotti, L.Corp. J. Edwards, Pte. J. Brown, Capt. William McLev, L.Corp. J. Goodrich, Corp. J. Regan, Pte. J. Lancelotti, A.S. Tom Pragnell, Corp. H. Marriot, Spt. E. Schalks, LAC H. Barry, Pte. Andy Cuthbert, G. Cuthbert and many others.

NO PAPER DEC. 30th

Do to the fact that next Monday is a holiday and also because we would like to do some repair work in the office there will be no paper next week. Publication will be resumed on January 5th 1944.

Red Cross Notes

The President and the Executive of the Bassano Red Cross wish to thank all the workers and helpers of the town and the surrounding district for the support given during the year and with them their families a very Merry Christmas and a bright and Peaceful New Year. The following articles have been shipped to Calgary:

- 1 large quilt
- 1 crib blanket
- 27 nightgowns for girls
- 21 pyjamas for boys
- 6 coats for girls
- 1 girls sweater
- 2 T hees sweaters
- 1 one sock
- 2 T hees sweaters
- 1 V neck sweater
- 1 Superflick Shop
- 1 coat and vest
- 2 pair shoes
- Red Cross Children's Hospital
- 20 jars of jam and preserves
- 8 tins of vegetables

EMPTY ELEVATORS AT HEAD OF LAKES

Although nearly twice as much grain has been shipped from country points during the present crop year as compared with the same period last year, elevators at Fort William and Arthur will be practically empty when the shipping season closes. Hon. James A. MacKinnon, Federal Minister of Trade and Commerce said recently.

Mr. MacKinnon said in an interview Canada's grain situation has entered upon a new and important phase pointing out that during the first three years of the war the problem largely was one of storing vast quantities of wheat in the face of limited export demand.

"Corrupted freemen are the worst of evils."

"Conscience of our faults is the next thing to innocence."

"There are defects more triumphant than victories."

ROSEMARY

(By Our Correspondent)

Merry Christmas to one and all.

This is prevalent in the district but as yet no cases are serious.

Miss Jean MacLean is spending a week in Duchess as a patient of Dr. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Stabell were guests of the Young family.

Miss Bernice Narum was a week-end visitor to Calgary Christmas shopping and a guest of the Fessey family.

Mrs. O. Stephenson and Roy of Gem were in Rosemary recently. Weather called. But winter has the American Army and had to register.

MAKEPEACE

(By Our Correspondent)

Merry Christmas to one and all.

Friends extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. J. Bulger and family on the death of Mrs. Bulger's mother, Mrs. Hiltich at her home in Kelowna, B.C.

The fruit and vegetables that have been donated by the ladies in the community have been sent to the Junior Red Cross Crippled Children's Hospital in Calgary.

Tuesday seen King Winter at hand. Everyone in the district has marvelled at the way the good weather has held. But winter has finally put its foot down. For how long no one knows.

GEM NEWS

(By Our Correspondent)

Merry Christmas to one and all.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pouch were in Calgary last week-end.

Miss Frances Fitchner of Calgary is home for a short time.

Ray James is out of the hospital and will spend Christmas with his mother.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sparks extend their sympathy on the sad news received on Tuesday of Robert being wounded in action in Italy during the first part of the year.

Coming Events ...

THURSDAY DECEMBER 23

The Bassano High School Student Union are going to raffie a 20 lb. Christmas cake. The proceeds of the raffie are to be devoted to the purchasing of equipment for the school. The raffie will take place on Thursday December 23rd. Tickets are now on sale.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 23rd

A raffie for the doll and the five dollar bill will take place Thursday December 23rd in McKee's store.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 31st

New Years Eve dance sponsored by the Bassano Red Cross, also music and a good time assured.

"A good character is worth more than cash."

23rd, (R) FIELD BATTERY R.C.A.

Royal Canadian Artillery

Major G.H. Gooderham, M.B.E. Officer Commanding

I take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a bright and merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Major G. H. Gooderham O.C.

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

At Christmas millions of cheery greetings are exchanged, a general air of benevolence is created; rooms are bedecked with holly and festooned with paper chains, whilst here and there hangs a bunch of mistletoe. The first sin opened the door for this eternal night. The world came under control of Satan, the prince of darkness.

An intense darkness had wrapped itself around the world, to deep and dense for any human to lift or penetrate, when Adam and Eve in the garden disobeyed God's one command and their sin made an entrance for this stifling, oppressive darkness—the curse of sin. The first sin opened the door for this eternal night. The world came under control of Satan, the prince of darkness.

Man's eyes became blinded by sin. It weighed down the heart of man and crushed the moral, physical and spiritual life of man. Such an intense, dense impenetrable, oppressing and cursing darkness, it was misunderstood and slain, but that he still is; the Holy Spirit is Christ would himself.

The reader may ask, "But does not your year to be unhappy?" Not God's laws are for our benefit. God is love. There are pleasures at His right hand for everyone. The true secret of joy is at Christmas feeling 365 days in the year is to have the change of heart that God freely gives to all who repent and call upon His name.

Reader friend, let there be more than sentimental rejoicing over Christmas, grip its reality. As earth long ago welcomed the One born into the world so let Heaven rejoice as another is born into the heavenly kingdom.

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Mid Week Thought

FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Christmas the wondrous day of all the year! The day when heaven's life descended to lighten and lift this sin-cursed world from the abyss of eternal darkness.

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that man was helpless. Impossible for man to save himself. He was unable to walk upright without constantly faltering, stumbling and falling. But he lived this dark night because his deeds were evil. "No man sought after the Lord, nor one of the just."

Such was the condition when the Son of Man descended to this earth as a tiny babe. Christmas—the birth of the King. The door through which life and light came to this oppressed world. Christmas was the beginning which made the end, Calvary possible.

Jesus Christ—the Saviour of the world, came as the greatest Christmas gift the world could ever receive. He left Heaven's noon-day of brightness for earth's midnight of sin. He left Heaven's sweet air of holiness for earth's foul polluted air of sin. He left the throne for the manger, glory, honor and power for the humiliation, poverty and death.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus who, being in the form of God, did not think it robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of man." Phillip 2:5-7. He the matchless son of God alone could be the "Light of the world." "The lamp that shineth in the dark."

It was the wondrous love of God that sent Him and it was His own wondrous love that enabled Him to suffer all things that we might be saved.

The first Christmas brought the "Light" to this dark world. Are you on this Christmas day living in the darkness of sin, knowing not the light of the world? If the Lord Jesus Christ is not your Saviour from sin and the Master in your life, the darkness of sin is still upon your soul, your eyes are still blind and your life is empty—an empty void. This Christmas Day—He says to you, "I am the Light of life."

News of the Week

FROM THE

War-time Prices and Trade Board

Church Announcements

Dr. A. G. Scott

M.B., F.M.C.C.

PHYSICIAN & SURGEON

Telephones 208

Office 87 - Residence 181



**Wishing You All
A Very Merry
Christmas
and A
Happy New Year**
to
Pioneer Meat Market
H. BROWN, Prop.

At Christmas

It's a real pleasure for us to send old friends
and patrons "SEASONS GREETINGS"

HONG LEE



A Bright Christmas

We hope your Christmas Joy will
be as bright as the gay red berries
on a jolly Christmas wreath. May you
have the best of everything in 1944.



King George Laundry

**Now
Comes
Christmas**



...and with it the chance to remember all the friends
we've served throughout the year with a few sincere
words A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW
YEAR.

GUY FOSTER

Bassano

Alberta

Ring Out Ye Bells

May the traditional good-
will among men shine on
us and make this coming
year far happier for us
all. Greeting to all our
friends and patrons.



ORPHEUM THEATRE

Christmas Greetings

In appreciation of your goodwill
and patronage, we extend Seasons
Greetings and wish you a most
Prosperous New Year.



BASSANO CREAMERY

A unit of National Food Products

Bassano

Alberta

AT CHRISTMAS

IT'S A REAL PLEASURE FOR US TO SEND OLD
FRIENDS AND PATRONS



Flanagan Bros., Hardware

Bassano

Alberta

XMAS GREETINGS

In appreciation of your goodwill
and patronage, we extend Christmas
Greetings and wish you A Most Pros-
perous New Year.



Bassano Garage and Service Stn.
A. C. BOWMAN Prop.

To You.. and You

May the best of everything be yours at
this Christmastide, and Good Luck follow
you in 1944.



The Royal Cafe

Merry Christmas

WE WISH YOU ALL THE VERY BEST THE SEA-
SON AFFORDS AND REQUEST THE OPPORTUNITY
OF SERVING YOU IN 1944 AS WE HAVE FOR THE
PAST YEAR.



Fat's Quick Lunch

Bassano

Alberta



TO ALL GREETINGS ADDRESSED TO YOU THIS

JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON WE ADD OUR OWN

WITH THE HOPE THAT THIS "YULETIDE" WILL BE

A MEMORABLE ONE

**LOUIS CONN
And STAFF**



Merry Merry Christmas

Is what we send to you and the best wishes for a
bright and prosperous New Year.

H. Trieber

Bassano

Alberta

XMAS 1943 NEW YEAR 1944

To all in this and other communities, I
am happy to wish the Compliments of the
Season. May Good Fortune attend you dur-
ing the coming year.



John Schelski

Bassano

Alberta

YULETIDE

In this joyous season we wish to
all of you the very best of Good for-
tune, Good Health and Good cheer.

Pierson and Young
BASSANO ALBERTA



To
Our Friends
at Home
Our Boys and Girls
across the Sea
Greetings
at
Christmas Time
from
EATON'S
T. EATON CO.

May We Strink e Some Good Cheer On Your Xmas Tree

We'd like to have our own good wishes represented on your Xmas tree—a sprinkling of nice pleasant thoughts of you and a garland of gratitude for your kind patronage.

Joe. Harris



To Our Many Customers
and Friends we Extend
Best Wishes for a
Merry Christmas
and Health, Happiness
and Bountiful Harbets
in the New Year.
W. S. PLAYFAIR

GIVE WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

The Patriotic
and Practical Gift

Space donated by the
Brewing Industry of Alberta

WE THANK YOU

For the pleasant business relations we
have enjoyed throughout the past year
and look forward to serving you in 1945
Best wishes of the Season

A. Rasmussen

GEM Gen. Lumber Yard ALTA.

Greetings

A greeting Warm and Hearty
a sincere and true
every Christmas happiness
And joy the New Year through

John Platt

GEM GENERAL MERCHANT ALTA.



Items Of Local Interest

Frank King was a business visit-
or to Calgary this week.

Joe Hien returned last week from
a trip to the state of Washington.

P.O. Ralph Harrison is home for
Christmas.

Sgt. Fred Bohne is home from
Wetaskiwin.

Bill Marquardt and Gordon Smith
were Calgary visitors this week.

Sgt. Wilson is home for Christ-
mas on leave.

ACE Eddie Chior of Cooniam is
home from Brandon on a sick leave.

Our Herb Lantard is home from
Camp Shilo for Christmas.

Corp Jack Edwards is teaching a
class in shorthand in North Africa.

Mr. R. Brent is spending some
time in town waiting for his call
to the Air Force.

Lac A. Buck is spending Christ-
mas leave with Sgt. and Mrs. Fred
Bohne.

Pte Jim MacBride and Able Se-
man Dale MacBride are spending
Christmas leave with their mother
here.

Some of the local boys who are
serving in the Mediterranean area
are Capt. Bob Donaldson, Pte. S.
Hagg and Bill Hay.

ful The R.C. Ladies Altar Society
held a very enjoyable and success-
ful business meeting on Thursday
at the home of Mrs. T. Maguire.
Plans and arrangements for the
1944 activities.

'DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS' MAYBE?

All those who have been "dream-
ing of a white Christmas" may have
that dream come true for on Tues-
day morning snow began to fall and
covered the ground to a depth of
about two inches. At the time of
writing however the forecast is for
higher temperatures and clearing
skies. All in all we cannot com-
plain because this has been one of
the mildest falls on record with the
temperature dipping below the
zero mark only a couple of times
this month.

BUS SCHEDULE

East bound leaves 7.38 p.m.

Westbound leaves 11.03 a.m.

TRAIN SCHEDULE

Westbound (Daily)

Due Depart

No. 1 7.47 p.m. 8.00 p.m.

No. 3 8.00 a.m. 8.10 a.m.

No. 7 8.45 a.m. 8.55 a.m.

Eastbound (Daily)

Due Depart

No. 2 9.15 a.m. 9.25 a.m.

No. 4 10.14 p.m. 10.25 p.m.

No. 8 11.06 p.m. 11.17 p.m.

Born at the Hospital

To answer many inquiries—either
the clerk is on strike or has been
scooped by the weather, but anyway
he has not been around for the last
two weeks.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE Half section of land
in the Irrigation Districts \$12.00 per
acre. Good home, good garden.
Four miles north of Rosemary
Cheese Factory and High School.
Terms on application.

Apply Wm. J. Bryan, Rosemary.

FOR SALE Saddle horse, gentle
with children.

Apply Recorder Office.

FOR SALE Tickets on the complet-
ely furnished Model Home, worth
\$12,000.00 to be given away in Cal-
gary. Tickets may be purchased at
Roy Smith's Garage.

F. H. WADSWORTH



F.H. Wadsworth of the CBC en-
gineering division, has returned
to Britain following a furlough in
Ottawa. He is attached to the CBC
Overseas unit in London. Mr. Wad-
sworth is the technician who flew
in recent Ruhr express bombing
trip over enemy territory.

A Merry
Christmas
and
A Happy
New Year



IS OUR WISH TO EVERYONE AT THIS XMAS SEASON

Stiles the Druggist
Bassano Alberta

Greetings

To Our Friends Everywhere

THE Spirit of Christmas calls
us to a better appreciation
of old associations and the
value of old friendship.
May you have a very Merry
Christmas and may the New
Year be the happiest and most
prosperous you have known.



Andrew McKee

